THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The amount spent during the last five years on Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) is about Rs. 227 crore. The IGMDP comprises of development of four missile systems namely PRITHVI, AKASH, TRISHUL and NAG and also technology demonstrator system AGNI, all of which have been flight tested from Chandipur in district Balasore, Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The presently envisaged surface to surface missile programmes have been successfully completed.

(d) Rs. 504 crore have been earmarked for IGMDP during Ninth Plan period.

Air Force Super Speciality Hospital in Delhi

2604. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force has opened a Super Specially Hospital in Delhi;

(b) if so, the capacity in which the wife of the present Air Chief has been associated with the Institute; and

(c) the terms and conditions of her appointment, period of her appointment and under which provisions such a decision has been taken to employ her?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Wife of the present Air Chief is not associated with the hospital except in her capacity as president, Air Force Wives Welfare Association (AFWWA). She is not holding any office or appointment in the Super Speciality Hospital.

Vehicles' sale to Members of Parliament from Central Vehicle Depots

2605. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a scheme for Members of Parliament to purchase vehicles from Central Vehicle Depots;

(b) if so, the number of vehicles, category-wise, model-wise, cost-wise sold to M.Ps during the last three years;

(c) whether there has been a decrease in the number of vehicles being sold due to their poor conditions and high price; and

(d) the steps being taken to reduce the price of these disposable vehicles and the pending inventory of these vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement in attached. (*See* below)

(c) No, Sir. Sale of vehicles, which registered a good increase in 1995, slightly fell during 1996, which is not due to either the poor condition or high price.

(d) Prices of the vehicls are generally fixed yearly, based on the average auction sale results of the previous year. Vehicles rejected/not collected by allottees are auctioned on regular basis, hence the question of a pending inventory does not arise.

Statement

Details of the number of Class-V vehicles and the price at which each vehicle was allotted to Members of Parliament, during the last three years

Category of vehicle	During 1994		During 1995		During 1996	
	Qty	Price at which allotted	Qty	Price at which allotted	Qty	Price at which allotted
		(Rs.)		(Rs.)		(Rs.)
Car Ambassador	06	36,000	16	38,500	04	38,500
Jeep	71	30,740	155	34,161	143	38,899
Jonga	01	19,640	—	—	03	19,640
Motor Cycle	05	9,469	12	9,842	05	10,975

2. Only discarded vehicles are placed in the disposal stock for allotment to Members. A defence vehicle becomes due for discard either, if it has run the prescribed kilometreage for that category of vehicles or has been in use for the prescribed number of years, whichever, is later.

एकीकृत आयुध कारखाने की स्थापना किया जाना

2606. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्लाः** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र में एक एकीकृत आधुनिक आयुध कारखाना स्थापित करने का विचार है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने योजना के अंतर्गत रोजगार के अधिक अवसर उत्पन्न करने के उद्देश्य से इस दिशा में कोई रूपरेखा तैयार की है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात में लौह अयस्क, विशाल समुद्री तट तथा उपलब्ध आवश्यक बुनियादी ढांचे और गैस के भंडार को ध्यान में रखते हुए वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान एकीकृत आधुनिक आयुध कारखाना स्थापित करने का निर्णय किया है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो प्रस्तावित योजना पर कब तक कार्य प्रारंभ किये जाने की संभावना है; और

(च) क्या राज्य सरकार ने सभी सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने का आश्वासन दिया है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन०वी०एन० सोमू): (क) से (च) जी, नहीं। देश में गुजरात या अन्य किसी स्थान पर एकीकृत आधुनिक आयुध निर्माणी स्थापित करने का इस समय कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Supply of low quality Rifles to fight against insurgency in Noth-East Region

2607. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the Poineer dated 3.1.1997 regarding supply of untested 5.56 mm rifles and low quality ammunition to fight insurgency in the North-East and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 5.56 mm Rifles belong to a new generation of Small Arms and are being inducted to replace the existing 7.62 mm Rifles. These Rifles have been inducted after successful trial evaluation. These Rifles and their Ammunition are being